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Confirming my conversations with [REDACTED] after Friday afternoon's IAC Meeting, herewith are the excerpts from the minutes as they pertain to the subject of my conversation:

GEN. IRWIN: It is rumored that there are three divisions near the Finnish Border, but that sounded like propaganda. In other words, it has been verified from some remote places.

GEN. TODD: It originated in Sweden.

GEN. IRWIN: But is it a fact they can go into Finland because of their Treaty - in North Finland?

GEN. WRIGHT: I am not so sure about troops.

ADM. INGLIS: I think in a case of attack or threatened attack. Aren't we about due for another review by CIA of the possibilities of war? I think about six months ago we all agreed that we would re-estimate the possibilities of war from time to time and it seems to me the six months are about up.

GEN. WRIGHT: How much time, Admiral, would you like to suggest for your people to gather with ours and the rest of the agencies to do that?

ADM. INGLIS: We haven't gotten very much information. I think the Army has most of it. I think my people could be ready on short notice - by the middle of next week.

GEN. IRWIN: I think we have very little. What we had this morning in our briefing, they had no major change.

GEN. WRIGHT: It is an advantage to have a meeting of the minds, of everybody who is working on it. That worked out pretty well on the last one. Any suggestion on that?

MR. ARMSTRONG: The political aspects have undergone some change since we last agreed. I think it would be very useful to have another roundup and meeting of the minds.

GEN. IRWIN: How about next Friday?

GEN. WRIGHT: Suppose I ask our people to coordinate the idea of meeting next Friday some time with whoever you designate?

GEN. IRWIN: What do you want? Our individual estimates?

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GEN. WRIGHT: Yes, but I think in addition to the individual estimates there ought to be the people there who can discuss them.

GEN. IRWIN: To coordinate the thing?

GEN. WRIGHT: Yes, because there will be some little change.

GEN. CAHELL: Hardly estimates, just bringing basic material in.

GEN. WRIGHT: That is right and come out with an estimate of the group.

GEN. IRWIN: Is there anything new since the last one?

GEN. TODD: We may be able to get some estimates from the field. I mean Moscow, Warsaw -

GEN. CAHELL: I would suggest we don't ask them for estimates, but for evidence.

GEN. TODD: Essential elements.

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